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SUBJECT: FIGHTER AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT

GEN. KNOOP, CHIEF OF STAFF, RNLAF, TOLD POLCOUNS
JUNE 13 HE WAS EXTREMELY GRATIFIED THAT PRESENT VERSION
OF DUTCH DEFENSE PLAN WOULD ENABLE RNLAF TO REPLACE
ITS F-104S. HE WAS LESS CONCERNED WITH NUMBER OF
REPLACEMENTS INITIALLY AUTHORIZED THEN WITH FUNDAMENTAL
DECISION TO REPLACE. HE SAID THIS REPRESENTED DRASTIC
CHANGE FROM INTENTIONS EXPRESSED BY LABOR PARTY WHEN PRESENT
CENTER-LEFT GOVERNMENT COALITION FORMED YEAR AGO, AND
THAT IF DUTCH F-104'S WERE NOT REPLACED RNLAF WOULD
"BE OUT OF BUSINESS". KNOOP WAS VISIBLY PROUD THAT
THAT RNLAF WOULD FARE BETTER THAN OTHER DUTCH MILITARY
SERVICES UNDER PRESENT VERSION OF DEFENSE PLAN
(WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO CONVINCING RNLAF STAFF WORK)

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AND AGAIN MADE CLEAR HIS OWN PREFERENCE FOR AMERICAN

REPLACEMENT FOR DUTCH FIGHTERS.

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